

news-item published in Rashtriya Sahara dated 13th January, 2001 in this regard;

(c) whether his Ministry has referred the case to CBI for investigation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Surprise visits of CGHS dispensaries

3953. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he alongwith some senior officers made surprise visits at some CGHS dispensaries in the Capital, recently;

(b) if so, the details of deficiencies noticed by the visiting teams in the functioning of those dispensaries;

(c) whether the comments of beneficiaries were also sought;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the surprise visits would be conducted at other CGHS dispensaries also to know the comments of the beneficiaries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the deficiencies noticed are as under:

(i) Entries in the complaint register are not being made regularly.

(ii) Delay in supply of local purchase medicines are taking place.

(iii) Timings of distribution of Local Purchase medicines need to be clearly indicated.

(iv) Need for special courtesy to the senior citizens by way of

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separate queue at registration counter and also in the OPD when they consult the doctor.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The beneficiaries suggested that the timings of distribution of local purchase medicines may be continued till 1.30 p.m., and the local purchase medicines be given to them on the next working day, separate queues for Senior Citizens both at the registration counter and at the doctor's room be made.

(e) and (f) The element of 'surprise' will be lost if these are chalked out in advance and made public.

Sale of fake medicines in mofussil areas

3954. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake medicines are causing worry as they are sold in mofussil areas in the name of reputed brands;

(b) if so, the action proposed to strengthen quality checks at district level; and

(c) the action proposed for strictly enforcing penal provisions for selling spurious medicines so that offenders are swiftly brought to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There is concern over reports that have been appearing in the media that medicines of questionable quality are sold in the market including the mofussil areas, faking the name of reputed brand names.

(b) The State Drugs Control Officers randomly draw samples from manufacturers, traders etc, including those licensed in the mofussil areas, and get their quality validated through their Government Laboratories.

For speedy testing of Drugs and unearthing/detecting drugs of questionable quality, Central Government has advised the State Government from time to time and has also provided assistance to strengthen and augment infrastructure facilities in their Laboratories.